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Dear Folk Festival Friends:

These are increasingly difficult times for Nicaragua. Not only have the Nicaraguan people had to endure five years of escalating military attacks by the U.S.-supported contras, but many of the resources that used to go into rebuilding this beautiful country have had to be spent on defending it.

As Susan Johnson, the Tools for Peace representative in Managua, has written:

That Nicaragua chose to launch an international campaign in 1985 under the slogan "Nicaragua Must Survive" is no accident. Nicaragua is in a life-and-death struggle to do just that - survive, and little more. The astounding advances of the early 1980s are behind us. In every sector Nicaragua is trying hard to maintain what it has managed to build to date.

But the military war is not Nicaragua's only worry. In a "Low Intensity Conflict" such as that being waged against the people of Nicaragua by the United States government, the military front is only one of many battlefields.

"Low Intensity Conflict," as described by one of its main proponents, Colonel John Waghelstein (commander of the U.S. Army 7th Special Forces), is "total war at the grass-root level." It requires "political, economic, and psychological warfare, with the military being a distant fourth in many cases."

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My own recent fact-finding tour to Central America has confirmed this bleak assessment. And the determination of the Reagan administration to escalate its attacks even further, in violation of the World Court and international law, can only bring more death and misery to the people of Nicaragua.


It is therefore all the more important that we Canadians intensify our support of the Nicaraguan struggle for peace and justice by supporting Tools for Peace, which Nicaragua has recognized as "perhaps the largest and most successful [non-governmental] material aid project undertaken by any nation."

This year, Tools for Peace will be concentrating on six National Popular Projects to collect the priority goods that Nicaragua has requested. Public education about Nicaragua is the other major goal of the campaign.

Tools for Peace needs your help even before we begin to collect materials for Nicaragua. You can help this year's campaign: by volunteering your time and skills to the Tools for Peace group in your community, or by starting one if none exists. Volunteers are absolutely essential to the campaign, and any help that you can provide will be appreciated.

You can help by sending a generous donation to Tools for Peace. This year, as the war against Nicaragua grows, we need to expand our efforts even more. Adequate financial support at the beginning of the 1986 campaign is critical to its success. Please contribute whatever you can afford.

Many thanks,


Karl Friedmann
"Ombudsman of the Air"

P.S. Please respond TODAY! Your early contribution will allow this year's campaign to get off to a fast start.

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